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IN RE APPLICATION OF: **DIRK COSTROP ET AL.**  
SERIAL NO.: **10/580,238**  
FILED: May 23, 2006  
FOR: DEVICE AND METHOD TO FEED AND  
ALIGN A WEB WITH INCREASED WEB  
STABILITY FOR PRINTING

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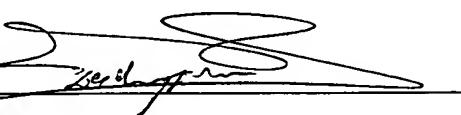
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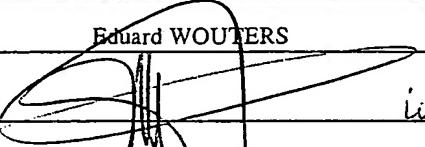
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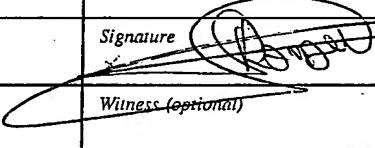
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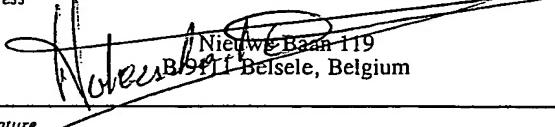
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